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Indian Health Service
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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) Area staff are currently conducting the second round of Area level tribal consultations on the new diabetes funding. These are the final sessions for each Area to put forth their recommendations on three priority issues that were identified in the first consultation rounds conducted during the month of February 2001. Those priority issues have been determined as: (1) set-asides, (2) allocation distribution methodology, and (3) focus or purpose of monies.


The TLDC has expedited the schedule for tribal consultation regarding the distribution of the new diabetes funds and has added a National Wrap-Up Session. This National Wrap-Up Session is set to provide the opportunity for all tribal leadership and their staff to address the recommendations of the TLDC to the Agency with regard to the distribution of the diabetes funds.

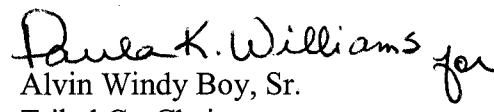
The TLDC will caucus on April 30, 2001, to discuss, consolidate, and solidify the final recommendations received from all 12 Area consultation sessions into one national position and recommendation. These recommendations will be presented by the TLDC to the Director on May 1, 2001, at the National Wrap-Up Session. This final session will take place on May 1 at the Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, Virginia; telephone: (703) 845-1010, reference: TLDC meeting for hotel rate of \$148.75 plus tax, single room. Deadline is April 25, 2001, for this rate.

It is important that elected tribal leadership or their designated representative attend both the final recommendation session in your Area as well as participate in the National Wrap-Up Session.

For additional information pertaining to both the Area Consultation Sessions and the National Wrap-Up Session please contact your Area TLDC representative or Area Diabetes Consultant or the IHS National Diabetes Program. Information may also be accessed on the IHS National Diabetes Program website www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/diabetes.

Sincerely yours,


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